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A WIND-BLOWN, MIDWINTER SNOW SCENE ATOP MT. GREYLOCK



High by the trail of the Mohawk, in the heart of the beautiful Berkshires,
Rearing his shaggy head like an ancient and mythical hero,
Towering serene and majestic over the white-gleaming hamlets
And cities that lie at his feet. . . . Changing each season his garments,
From pale, smoky greens in the Springtime to cool, deep greens in the Summer;
From warm reds and yellows in Autumn to thick coats of snow in the Winter,
This is Old Guardian Greylock. . . .



NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

To help maintain the spirit of friendly co-operation and constant improvement which has marked our course from the beginning.

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GOOD

ON ANOTHER page of the Log we print letters which were sent to us by two of our best customers. It is good to know that they appreciate our efforts to "deliver the goods" on time. In turn we wish to thank each and every employee in our plants who contributed to these successful deliveries.

BETTER

When you are always doing your best, how can you ever do better? By improvement. By studying and thinking about what you are doing. By finding simpler, or safer, or quicker ways to do it; or by discovering a way to use less material, a better material or a different material. Then write it down and show it to your foreman.

BEST

We Americans have been known for a long time as the people who like to advertise everything as "the best in the world." Now we are being called upon to make good our claims. And we can do it — if every man and woman — yes, and every machine — gives an honest day's work. It's as simple as that.



"FIRE! WHEN YOU SEE THE WHITES OF THEIR EYES."

(AT BUNKER HILL IN SEVENTY-FIVE.)

FIRE! WHEN YOU SEE THEIR YELLOW SKIN,
FIRE CLOSE RANGE AND FIGHT TO WIN.

FIRE! WHEN THEY SWOOP IN A POWER DIVE
TO BOMB US OUT, WE'LL GET THOSE GUYS.

FIRE! POINT BLANK WITH EVERY GUN!

(WAKE ISLAND MARINES OF FORTY-ONE.)



Betty Jane Stevens, daughter of Harold and Alice Stevens has composed a clever little "salvage" poem.

"WE'LL DO OUR PART"

Saving paper, saving string,
Saving bits of everything;
Not just sitting wasting time,
You do your part, I'll do mine.
Now is the time for us to start
By doing our small part
To help the good old U. S. A.,
So we can live the American Way.

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Several letters have been received from the boys in service. They all ask for mail. Let's show them they are not forgotten.

WATCH YOUR STEP!

Once again we remind you that "haste makes waste; a stitch in time saves nine; it's never too late to mend; a rolling stone gathers no moss; coming events cast their shadows before; for want of a nail a kingdom was lost." Which is just another way of saying: "Play Safe! Be sure. Take all reasonable precautions for your health and safety. Lost work hours, when multiplied by millions, mean lost battleships, planes, tanks, guns and ammunition. In your eagerness to increase production and speed up your work it will still pay to PLAY SAFE — indoors or outdoors — at play or on the job. WATCH YOUR STEP!"

UNITED STATES WAR DEPARTMENT SENDS
WIRE TO ALL SPRAGUE EMPLOYEES

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THE EMPLOYEES SPRAGUE SPECIALTIES CO N ADAMS MASS.

THE ARMY IS CALLING ON YOU SOLDIERS OF PRODUCTION TO BACK UP OUR SOLDIERS IN THE FRONT LINES WITH EVERY OUNCE OF YOUR ENERGY STOP THE ARMY LOOKS TO YOU TO PROVIDE THE WEAPONS OF VICTORY STOP THE FIGHTING WEAPONS WE LACKED YESTERDAY AT WAKE AND MANILA WE MUST HAVE TODAY STOP YOUR CONTRIBUTION MUST BE PRODUCTION AND MORE PRODUCTION STOP AMERICA IS CONFIDENT OF YOUR ANSWER

PATTERSON UNDER SECRETARY OF WAR.

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PACKING CHRISTMAS BASKETS. Everybody Happy! Louis Vinclette, Roy Trottier, John Tremblay, Walt Duquette, Tom Dufraine, Donat Remillard, Ray Chalifaux, Louis Gelinas, Jim Mancuso.

John D. Washburn was unanimously elected Chairman of the North Adams School Committee early this month. The City, the Company and Jack are all to be congratulated on this honor so well earned and deserved.

Did you note the cameos and tintypes in the December issue of the Log? GERTRUDE MANN, CLIFFORD ROY and ALBERT HAMER. If you couldn't *Guess Who* we'll tip you off that CLIFF was the one wearing the sailor hat.

LAURENCE WHITE says: "Now is the golden opportunity for every American to prove, once and for all, that he IS an American by wholehearted co-operation in everything large or small which may possibly contribute to our final success."

IN OUR DEPARTMENT

In OUR Department we have bought lots of Defense Bonds and quite a few have joined the Red Cross and are also taking First Aid Training. Some are on the North Adams air raid warning groups. We have a department fire brigade. Everyone seems more regular at work; not staying out so much; fewer absentees. Let's keep up the good attendance and buy more bonds.

James Mancuso,
Foreman, Paper Assembly.



In OUR Department I notice that Army and Navy orders get the pressure. We are planning a round robin Defense Bond purchase system. There is far less fooling and hanging around than before December 7.

Lloyd Bullett,
Foreman, K.V.A.



In OUR Department I must say the girls are buying a lot of bonds. I don't think any of us should forget that outside the plant the world has changed a great deal and there is a terrible war going on — even if things look about the same inside the plant on the job. Keep 'em flying!

Norman Chenail,
Foreman, Paper Rolling.



In OUR Department everybody seems to be prepared to go ahead and give their best work. A Defense Bond Club was started and now has 100 per cent membership. Each week each one contributes toward a bond. That's just what we need now to keep 'em flying — 100 per cent coöperation. And that's what we're getting in our department.

John Puppolo,
Foreman, Chemical and Electrical Control.



In OUR Department we coöperated in making a donation to a needy family at Christmas time. We realize here that we are working on government orders. This has resulted in quite a savings in rejects due to the fact that we have to watch carefully our use of material because it is hard to get. We should all buy more bonds.

Bill Pierce,
Foreman, Resistor Department.



In OUR Department we are starting a Defense Bond Club on a weekly contribution basis. Everybody's now got the idea we have a job to do and that we are going to do it. We're going to let the government take care of its job. None of this armchair strategy. Just take care of our own job and mind our own business.

Ray Calvi,
Foreman, Sample Laboratory.



In OUR Department we are all organized for fire fighting with a hose brigade, fire extinguisher brigade and salvage brigade. The electricians are well organized. The whole crew is taking care of its daily duties well and also buying Defense Bonds.

Clarence Pratt,
Foreman, Maintenance Department.



In OUR Department there is a pronounced emphasis on speeding up of priority orders to make sure they really do get out. Never saw such a change the way everybody has swung into line. One reaction down here is that "we're in it and so we're going to do our share any way we can." We were the first department to get 100 per cent Defense Bond subscriptions.

James Knox,
Foreman, Shipping Department.



"FRAN" CROSIER

Frances Crosier, who has been Senior Payroll Clerk for the past ten years, is a native of North Adams. She attended the public schools here and then graduated from State Teachers' College. Following her course at State she taught school for a time in Richmond, Virginia. Then in March, 1931, she entered the payroll department of the Sprague Specialties Company.

At that time the department consisted of only two people. Today there are fifteen in this department. Wondering what complications this 650 per cent increase might have developed we inquired about the problems in her department and Miss Crosier replied:

"Problems? We have no problems. This is the most interesting department in the whole plant. I think we have the best payroll system there is anywhere. We have an excellent group of girls. They have all learned their business machine work here under our direction. We try to teach them every part of payroll work we can. I believe people take so much more interest in their work and enjoy it so much more if they understand its various phases."

Mrs. Crosier entered the department the same way, learning from the ground up, and taking bookkeeping courses outside later on.

In her spare time Frances Crosier is deeply devoted to her church work at the Baptist Church where she teaches boys and girls in the Junior Department of the Sunday School. She says her real interest — in fact, her principal hobby — is the junior age boy and girl. She also does Missionary White Cross work for the church. More lately she has been taking part in the Red Cross First Aid Training Classes.

Frances Crosier has been married for several years and her husband is now in the Navy. When she can find the time she indulges a real fancy for the great outdoors, chiefly hunting and fishing, and mostly in the neighborhood of a comfortable camp which she and her husband own. Frances admits quite modestly to being "a pretty fair shot" with a 30-30 Marlin rifle. This outdoor training no doubt contributes to the calm and businesslike way in which she seems to carry on her work, always with a pleasant smile — efficient, composed, friendly.



Guess Who! Kilties and all! See if you can guess who.

THE PERISCOPE

Buy More Bonds appears to be the popular slogan in every department. . . . *Suggestion Comes* we underestimated number of chocolate coated ice-pops eaten by a certain gentleman since coming to the Company. *But* the suggestion comes from a close rival whose count is now in the high hundreds. . . . *More Kiddie* pictures, please. . . . *More Ancient* and treasured tintypes, snapshots for *Guess Who*. . . . *And* don't wait for the other fellow on Department News. . . . *Scribble It Down* and drop in Loc Box in Cafeteria; or mail to Loc Editor; or give to your Foreman; or leave at Dispensary. . . . *Hang On* to those identification buttons. . . . *Men In Uniform* look good in the Log; have you any snapshots or photos of former employees? . . . *Now Looking Around* for a good high note to close on . . . it's the same as we started with . . . *Buy More Bonds!*



Waiting for Santa to come down the chimney and pass out the presents at the Resistor Department Christmas Party.



"Here's a toast to those we love the most." A wonderful time was enjoyed by all those attending the Paper Rolling Night Shift Christmas Party.



Billy Lincoln, son of Julius of the Shipping Department and Christine of Paper Assembly.



Sampling the eats at the Sample Department Christmas Party. Front Row: Harry Short, Ray Calvi, Faith Nazzewski, Jim Fitzgerald. Back Row: Emil Filiault, Jack Shields, Alfred Salerno, Ray Bishop, Robert Shoemaker, Larry Burt, and Josephine Convery.

On December 24 the employees of the Impregnating Department held a Christmas Party at the Cartier Club in Adams. Those in charge were Doris Caron, Charlie McNulty and Eddie Tessier.

As most everyone knows, \$411 was cleared at the minstrel. The committee wishes to thank all who helped in any way.



New Year's Eve Party — Loretta and John Smith, Mary Libardi, "Dom" and Carmella Tassone, Rachel Godbou, Vi and Joe Dupuis and a few friends.

WHAT CAN I DO?

Quoted from an open letter to Industry by the President of the McGraw-Hill Publishing Company

Ever since that Sunday morning when havoc swooped from the skies upon Honolulu, a new question has been churning about in millions of American minds. It is this: What can I do to help my country win this war?

We have undertaken a huge job. That job is to win this war.

We can produce all that we need to win the victory that we *must* win — if only we are given the time.

THE FIRST RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ARMED FORCES IS TO GAIN THAT TIME FOR US.

THE FIRST RESPONSIBILITY OF INDUSTRY IS TO USE TO THE FULL EVERY SECOND OF THAT TIME IN PRODUCING THE WEAPONS THE ARMED FORCES NEED TO WIN THE ULTIMATE VICTORY. INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IS THE KEY TO VICTORY. BUT IT MUST BE BIGGER PRODUCTION AND FASTER PRODUCTION THAN WE HAVE EVER KNOWN.

Right there is where we find the one thing we *all* can do — the one thing that is within the power of each of us.

THAT ONE THING IS SIMPLY TO DELIVER AN HONEST DAY'S WORK WHEREVER WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE. HONEST WORK WILL WIN THIS WAR. LOAFING WILL LOSE IT. THE SHOWDOWN WILL BE WHETHER HITLER CAN DRIVE HIS PEOPLE TO WORK HARDER THAN WE ARE WILLING TO WORK. THERE IS NO ONE TO DRIVE US. WE MUST DRIVE OURSELVES!

Is that too much to ask?

HYGRADE SYLVANIA CORPORATION
IPSWICH, MASSACHUSETTS

January 6, 1942.

Sprague Specialties Company
North Adams, Mass.

Attention: Mr. Robert Sprague

Gentlemen:

We wish to express our appreciation for the exceptional service you gave us on the order for 40 cycle condensers. Your deliveries have helped us satisfy and quiet some long-suffering customers.

Yours very truly,

HYGRADE MIRALUME DIVISION
I. R. Schaller,
Purchasing Agent.

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CHECK AND DOUBLE CHECK

Although the Log will not try to describe in detail the various ways in which the plant is organized for any emergency, nevertheless we wish to urge every employee to take all such instructions, suggestions and orders in the spirit of coöperation.

The employment department is doubly careful in its selection of new employees as to history, record, places of employment and general reputation.

Time and money spent by the firm is all a very important part of the war-time measures. Each worker should be alert at all times for anything that could be considered as sabotage. Be level-headed. Think it over. Don't speak about it except to your foreman or an officer of the Company.

The plant is adequately equipped with fire protection systems and plans for all types of emergencies. Such equipment and materials are constantly checked. The maintenance department aided by special groups in each department are believed competent to handle any possible situation.

The Chief Air Raid Warden of the Beaver Street Plant is Charlie Dean and ARP assignments and instructions have been worked out under his direction.

Many men and women have been taking special First Aid Training and Red Cross instruction. Many also are engaged in North Adams or other communities on ARP work. Sprague Company employees are always community conscious.

So if we have tests or drills or training of any kind let's all coöperate most seriously, calmly, intelligently. We know you will; and a word to the wise is sufficient; but it pays to be prepared. So check and double check — on everything.

PHILCO CORPORATION

PHILADELPHIA
PENNSYLVANIA
January 7, 1942

Mr. R. C. Sprague
Sprague Specialties Co.
North Adams, Mass.

Dear Mr. Sprague:

I want to sincerely thank you and Mr. Petry for the amazing effort that was exercised in effecting delivery of capacitors for Government work. I dare say this was the 'freshest' of capacitors boys who participated, and I wish to extend my thanks especially to Mr. Petry, my sincere thanks.

Very truly yours,
PHILCO CORPORATION

MJD/MR
cc: Mr. G. F. Petry

R. C. Sprague
Mr. G. F. Petry
Purchasing Department



Wedding photograph of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morandi. Mrs. Morandi is the former Janice Szetela.

RECENTLY ARRIVED!



A daughter, Patricia Ann, was born on December 19 to MR. and MRS. ROBERT ROHANE. Mother is GLADYS of Paper Assembly.

MR. and MRS. MELVIN LILLIE were greeted by a baby girl which arrived on December 19, 1941. Dad works in the Boxing Department.

A daughter was born on December 26, 1941 to EDMOND and MARGARET CARDINAL. Dad works in the Oven Department and mother is employed in Paper Rolling.

January 1, 1942 a son arrived as a New Year's gift to MR. and MRS. ARTHUR SPENCER. The mother is VIRGINIA of Sprague Products Office.

On January 3 a daughter was born to ARMOND and RUTH VINCE-LLETTE, both of the Impregnating Department.

On January 5, 1942 a son was born to BUSBY and MABEL WILLIAMS. Mother works in the Boxing Department and Dad in the Oven Department.

A daughter arrived in the family of MR. and MRS. HARRY SHORT on January 7, 1942. The mother is VIOLA of Retail Sales Department and Dad works in the Sample Department.

January 11, 1942. A son to MR. and MRS. PHILIP BOUCHER. The mother is HELEN of the Paper Rolling Department.

A son was born to MR. and MRS. ARMOND CHOUINARD on January 12. Dad works in the Etching Department.

MR. and MRS. STANLEY GLIWSKI became the proud parents of a son on January 13, 1942. Dad is employed in the D. C. Rolling Department.

A son was born to MR. and MRS. STANLEY SKORUPSKI on January 18. The mother is Nabebo of K. V. A. Department.

A daughter was born to MR. and MRS. RALPH KLEINER on January 21, 1942. Her dad works in the Paper Rolling Department.



CYNTHIA KAY THOMPSON. Age 3 months and 1 day. Mother is Virginia of Paper Assembly and her father is Charles of the Trans-Mica Department.

WEDDING BELLS

On December 23, 1941, LORETTA PLANKEY of the Sample Department was married to ANTHONY JANUSKA, formerly of the Oven Department. The wedding took place in St. Patrick's Church, Fayetteville, N. C. Attendants were Alice Lescarbeau of North Adams and Leo Plankey, brother of the bride. The bridegroom is a signal specialist in the 17th Field Artillery.

ANTHONY GAROFANO of Brown Street Plant and Dorothy Belanger, not employed here, were married on December 27, 1941.

MARY CALNAN of the Paper Rolling Department and Woodrow Cook of North Adams were married at St. Francis Rectory on the morning of December 31, 1941. The wedding party then motored to Springfield for the wedding breakfast. The bridegroom is employed at the Widen Tanning Company, Blackinton.

ERNEST RAEMER of the Time Study Office and MARIE SIMON of D. C. Rolling were married January 9, 1942 at White Creek, N. Y.

BLANCHE BISSAILLON of Paper Assembly Annex and Walter Cunningham, not employed here, were married recently in Notre Dame Church in Adams.

Engage~~ments~~ments

MAISIE ROHANE of Paper Assembly and WILLIAM PIERCE of the Resistor Department announce their engagement. The wedding is planned for some time in the near future.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of SHIRLEY BUSBY of the Paper Test Department to Sgt. Albert O'Connor of Pittsfield. The wedding will take place in the early future.

LAURA STRANGE of the Boxing Department and Arthur H. Light-brown of Medford, Mass., announce their engagement. An early wedding is being planned.

FRANK JAMES of Paper Assembly and KATHERINE LESURE of Paper Assembly announce their engagement, the wedding to be in the near future.

PATRICIA SICILIANO of Paper Rolling and Pvt. Harley Andrews, not employed here, announce their engagement. No date has been set for the wedding.



Judy is the daughter of Kenneth Sweeney of the Stock Room.

BOWLING 'EM OVER AND MOWING 'EM DOWN

The Brown Street teams held a banquet following completion of their first round of play. It is now well along in the second round and we hope to have a complete report to date in February.

The Beaver Street League will play off postponed games during the last half of January before holding its midwinter banquet. Scores for the first half will therefore appear in the February Log.



SPRAGUE PRODUCTS BOWLING TEAM. Left to right: "Hank" Gamar, "Lou" Siciliano, George Roy, Robert Button, Clarence Dean.



FORMATION BOWLING TEAM. Left to right: Frank Santelli, William Brundige, Jr., Walter Lavarriere, George Benoit, Roger Garner.



PAPER TEST BOWLING TEAM. Left to right: Dan Mahoney, Jim Fitzgerald, "Bren" Farley, Bill Grogan, Gerry Steinberg.

In an industry like ours, many of the products are essential forms of war material. We can all do our share by being as alert as possible here working on government orders. Delays will occur, but speed plus quality workmanship plus intelligent action, will break the bottlenecks and deliver the goods where they are needed so urgently.

— FRED POTTER.

Sign posted in the Sample Department —
HE WHO RELAXES — IS AIDING THE AXIS!



RIFLE CLUB REPORTS

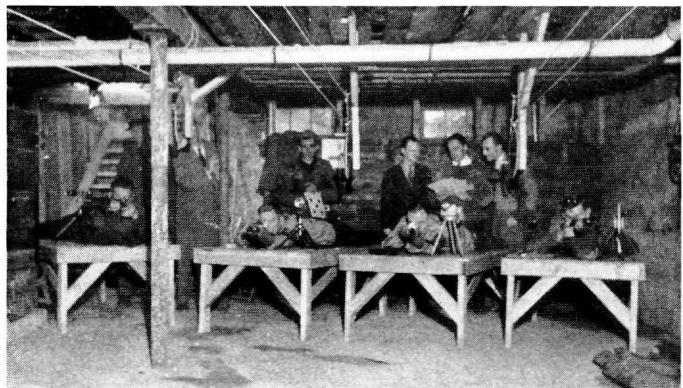
By Frank Chilson, Chief Range Master

The new range at the North Adams Sportsmen's Club is open every evening as usual with a Deputy Range Master supervising. Combined membership is now in the neighborhood of sixty and growing. In the near future it is expected that the Sportsmen's Club will organize their own team which will hold matches, thus increasing the competition for the Sprague Rifle Club.

On January 2 the Sprague Club met a team of girls from Buckland, beating them by 22 points. Scheduled matches have been held or will be held on the following dates: January 9, 16, 23, 30 and February 6.



Sprague Rifle Team assembled in their new quarters at North Adams Sportsmen's Club.



Prone firing practice on the new indoor range.

These days the rifle range in its new location is quite active and popular, with various groups making use of its facilities whenever they have time. To date we have had the following matches on our new home range:

Shelburne Falls, Teams A and B; the Adams Rifle Team; the Buckland Team.

We have also had matches away from home on the other team's range as follows:

Two matches with the Pioneer Valley Rifle Club; two matches with the Shelburne Falls Rifle Club.

We have matches coming up with Adams Rifle Team; Leyden Rifle Club and the Brattleboro, Vt., Club.

All of these matches, those held and those scheduled to be held, are shoulder to shoulder matches. New members of the team are Jim Oldham and Howie Bartlett. Both are showing very promising results.

★ ★ ★ ★ Keep 'em Flying ★ ★ ★ ★

WHAT WE GIRLS CAN DO TO HELP WIN THE WAR

I and the other girls of my department think the men have covered the question quite thoroughly, but one thing we would like to add: girls are needed badly in many branches of the Home Defense. A number of girls are already helping but why not all volunteer a few hours of your time? You will be welcomed and it may be a chance to strike one blow at the enemy for the boys at the front.

LORETTA PLANKEY JANUSKA.



Our firing line is the production line. When the time comes that we must replace our men, let us be prepared to do their work to the best of our ability.

GERTRUDE GENTILE.



Prevent loss of time through sickness or accident as much as possible. Work hard, keep eyes and ears open at all times and buy U. S. Defense Bonds and Stamps.

LEDA KING.



We girls can help win the war by taking it seriously. It means a lot more than going without silk stockings. We should help to cut down the waste of essential materials and do 100 per cent work at all times.

MABEL KELLER.



We should try hard to be calm at all times. We could do our part by sewing, knitting, etc. for different organizations doing war work.

IDA LOVETT.



Sprague Specialties Company is doing its share in Red Cross work. Many have taken the First Aid course and a large number of the men have signed up for air raid warden work and any other work that is needed to be done.

The following girls have been knitting for the Red Cross: Mary Bellows, Agnes L'Ecuyer, Rita Slade and Kay Bellows.

Sewing for the Red Cross are Margaret Lamberti, Ida Lovett, Rachel Godbout, and Helen Ross.



A war can be won only by great personal sacrifices. It is now the duty of every girl to make these sacrifices, cheerfully and willingly, and then put her shoulder to the wheel and with the men work harder than they have ever worked before.

FRANCES CROSIER.



We cannot shoulder a gun but we can shoulder our load here and keep it moving. Let's start today and "keep 'em rolling."

HELEN SEARLE.



Material is essential to win this war. To do our part we must eliminate waste in the home and at our work.

RACHEL GODBOUR.



Sprague Specialties seems to have taken over the Surgical Dressing rooms for Tuesday night. The supervisor and inspectors for that night are all Sprague employees and the following girls are among the volunteers: Marie Bates, Helen Ross, Margaret Lamberti, Kay Hyndman, Mary Bellows, Helen Root, Enis Montagna, Rachel Godbout, Elsie Osterhoudt, Emma Underwood, Antoinette Sacco, Rita Lafave, and Julia Gattuso. Those in charge are Helen Albini, Mary Mathews, and Etta Owen.

MARION CARON.



"Long May She Wave; O'er the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave!"